

[1st April 1930]

Utilization of the services of the specialist in X-ray and allied work.

* 1716 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a medical officer of the Government X-ray Institute recently returned from Europe after specialization in Radium X-rays, Electric treatment, etc., at considerable expense to Government during his nearly two years' absence on study leave; and

(b) what special arrangements have been made by the Government to enable the public to avail themselves of the services of this officer, in the special subject?

A.—(a) One of the officers of the Institute recently returned from leave after undergoing special study in X-ray and allied work in England. The period of study leave granted to him was only one year and the expense incurred by Government was the study allowance of 12s. a day granted to him for this period.

(b) As the officer is employed in the X-ray Institute where his services are available to the public, no special arrangements are necessary.

Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU:—"With reference to answer (a), am I to understand that this medical officer was not paid any voyage expenses?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"He was sent to England for training?"

Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU:—"Am I to understand that in addition to the study allowance of 12s. a day, he was not paid any voyage expenses?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"In cases of study leave generally voyage expenses are not given."

Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU:—"May I ask the hon. Minister whether it is not a fact that the surgeons and assistant surgeons when sending their patients to the X-ray Institute, prescribe the treatment they should receive? When there is an expert in charge of the department, why should this be done?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Notice, Sir."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"May I ask whether the Radiologist in the General Hospital is a qualified medical officer?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Mr. President, may I submit that this question relates to an officer of the X-ray Institute? I do not think that this supplementary question does arise."

The hon. The PRESIDENT:—"This supplementary question does not arise."

Number and cost of patients admitted in Government hospitals.

* 1717 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council a statement showing the number of patients, out-patients and in-patients that availed themselves of the benefits of the several Government hospitals in the City of Madras during the years 1920-21 to 1928-29, with the cost of maintenance in each year as to diet, cooking, clothing, lighting, water-supply and establishment of sisters, nurses, clerks, attenders, stewards, servants and other menials, and